Lab to support planning of Special Operations Forces

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate recently awarded $2,187,300 contract to BBN Technologies of Cambridge, Mass., to develop new software technology to assist in the automation of time-critical planning and execution for Special Operations Forces.

The three-year contract, "Case and Model Driven Dynamic Template Linking," is funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of Arlington, Va., as part of its Active Templates (AcT) program.

"BBN will develop and validate the use of a case-based reasoning approach and design of active templates that support planning in the Special Operations Forces area," said Joseph A. Caroli of the directorate's Information Technology Division. "The software developed will work on portable computers - such as laptops - and will enhance planning capabilities for Special Operations personnel."

BBN will interact with nearly a dozen other contractors working in related areas of the AcT program. @